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SUBJECT: KOREAN MARITIME FREIGHT DUTY DIFFERENTIAL

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY STATES STEAMSHIP CO. OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. ON JULY 2, 1975 THAT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, THE DUTY WAS INCREASED ON THE IMPORTATION OF INEDIBLE BULK TALLOW FROM 10 PER CENT TO 18 PER CENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KOREAN-FLAG VESSELS, ON WHICH DUTY IS ASSESSED ON THE FOB VALUE INSTEAD OF THE CIF VALUE IN VIEW OF FREIGHT CHARGE PAYABLE IN KOREAN WAN IF CARRIED BY KOREAN FLAG. STATES STEAMSHIP CO. CLAIMS THAT THIS 8 PER CENT DIFFERENCE AMOUNTS TO \$20/24 PER TON WHICH PRECLUDES THE CARGO FROM GOING ON ANY OTHER VESSEL THAN KOREAN FLAG.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY INFORMALLY INVESTIGATE THIS ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AND DETERMINE UNDER WHAT LAW SUCH CARGO

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PREFERENCE FEATURES ARE BEING INSTITUTED AND IS SUCH AN

ACTION TO BE TAKEN AS A MODUS OPERANDI FOR FUTURE
COMMERCIAL TRADE.

3. FYI. YOU MAY WISH TO STRESS IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE KOREANS THE 1957 FCN TREATY (PARTICULARLY ART. XIX).
A COPY OF AGREEMENT IS BEING POUCHED. KISSINGER

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